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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina established pursuant to Security Council resolution 781 (1992).

On 13 March 1993, at 16.15 p.m. local time, military personnel of the United Nations Protection Force in the area of Srebrenica in Eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina observed one bi-plane followed by two mono-planes dropping bombs on the villages of Gladovici and Osatica, approximately five miles south-east of Srebrenica. All three planes were single engine propeller-driven aircraft.

The bi-plane dropped three bombs on Gladovici and then flew in the direction of the Drina river which delimitates the border with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). Immediately thereafter, a single engine propeller mono-plane circled over the same village and, after dropping three bombs, left in the direction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). The second monoplane circled Osatica and also dropped three bombs. It also departed in the direction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). In all three cases the origin of the aircraft could not be ascertained.

The above flights are the first violations of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) observed by UNPROFOR which involved combat activity.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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